

# IRMA TIMES

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## Is Irma Destined to Become Great Industrial Centre?

This Made Possible by Presence of Large Area of Oil and Gas Bearing Strata As Indicated by Thorough Geological Survey Now Being Made in This District.

New Industrial Centre Sure to Spring Up Between Edmonton and Saskatoon—Irma Looks Like the Right Spot.

Gas for Edmonton and Saskatoon and possibly for a new industrial centre that may some day be built between the two cities, is the object of a search now being made in the Irma and battle river districts under the auspices of the Geological Survey of Canada. D. B. Dowling, chief engineer for the survey in the west, is in charge of the work, and has taken offices in Edmonton for the summer season, from which he is also directing the operations of several other survey parties in the southern part of the province, in the Peace River country, and in Saskatchewan. The scarcity of men is hampering the work to some extent, but at each of the points under Mr. Dowling's supervision the surveys are going on continuously, and will probably be completed during the present season. In the case of the gas field survey, however, it is not expected that the work will be fully completed this year past. The Alberta boundary, leaving the Saskatoon end for another year's party.

Mr. Dowling is convinced of the existence of a large body of natural gas in the country east of Edmonton, and bases his opinion upon a careful study of the geological formation of the province. For several years past he has been going up and down through Alberta, studying the natural formation of the country in connection with the supplies of coal, gas, and other resources, and having practically completed his investigations in the southern part of the province, he is now giving detailed attention to the equally rich centre parts. He has two men now at work on a study of the geology of the Irma-Battle river area and a third man doing its topography, while Prof. J. A. Allan of the University of Alberta, is making traverses of the Saskatchewan and Red Deer rivers, S. E. Slipper is just now working with a party near Wainwright. The purpose of the combined efforts of the geologists is to find out just how much gas there is in the area in question. Saskatchewan is interested as well as Edmonton, and it is among the possibilities that a supply large enough to serve both cities and in addition give the industrial foundation for a new city somewhere in between, may be located when the geologists get through with their investigations.

Another important part of the work to which Mr. Dowling is giving attention is the drilling for an artesian supply of water in the dry belt south of Lethbridge. Two wells are being sunk in that district, and in one of them, about fifteen miles south of Grassy Lake, a good flow of water was struck last week. It has a capacity of 4000 gallons a day at a depth of 581 feet, and if similarly good results are obtained at the other well, which is being drilled, the area as a whole will be considered proven, for there are already a number of wells that have struck water while drilling for gas. This will mean that the water problem in southern Alberta will be solved, and the sinking of artesian wells will become a practical remedy in what has hitherto been Alberta's dry belt. The study of the surface deposits is going on throughout the summer.

Two parties of surveyors are also at work in southern Saskatchewan, one of them mapping the calleries and the other studying the materials available for industrial purposes adjacent to the national highway which is being laid out by the provincial government. In the north, north part of Saskatchewan a survey is being made of the copper and gold fields in the Beaver lake area north of Prince Albert.

Also included in the list of work reporting to Mr. Dowling, in Edmonton, is a survey for oil along the Peace river. A party is now traversing the river west of Peace River town, and will work as far as Hudson's Hope. Its operations will be preliminary to a further investigation another season, when it is hoped to settle the question of the north country's oil resources, and just where they are located.

## NEW ELEVATOR BUILD IN IRMA

This Makes Third Elevator. Mr. Wyatt, of Jarrow, Will Do the Grain Buying.

Six cars of lumber have arrived for the erection of another elevator to be built at Irma for the Northern Grain Co. A site has been secured west of the Imperial Lumber company's coal shed. We understand the builders will commence the erection as soon as they have finished the elevator at Viking. Mr. J. W. Wyatt of Jarrow will have charge of the grain buying.

When someone stops advertising, Someone stops buying.  
When someone stops buying, Someone stops selling.  
When someone stops selling, Someone stops making.  
When someone stops making, Someone stops earning.  
When someone stops earning, Everybody stops buying.  
Keep going.

## SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF OIL THREATENS THIS PROVINCE

Abnormal Increase in Consumption.—Half Million Barrels Needed

As a result of the abnormal increase in consumption and the similar conditions existing at the source of supply, Alberta is now seriously threatened with a shortage of oil during the coming months. The amount of oil required for this province is estimated at one-half million barrels a year. This supply has in the past been mostly obtained from the Imperial Oil Refinery at Vancouver, British Columbia, which imported from the oil fields in Peru and California.

Also, the immense increase in consumptions by the United States fleets, now using about 50,000,000 barrels a year, has come at a time when the oil companies are having difficulty in meeting commercial needs.

In this province the large consumption is mainly due to the increase of motor cars. In 1916, there were 9,000 autos in Alberta, while the numbers for 1917 are estimated at 18,000.

It is stated that the demand here is 100 per cent. greater than in July, 1916, and this requirement is increasing monthly. As the coast supply is practically shut off, oil from Wyoming is now being used here.

The question is beginning to emphasize the need of greater production in Canada. This country imports 4,500,000 barrels of crude oil, and 2,500,000 barrels of refined oil yearly. There are 200,000 barrels of oil produced in Canada a year, this amount being obtained in Ontario.

The dominion government pays a bounty of one and one-half cents a barrel on all crude oil produced in Canada. This premium is now being paid on the Ontario production.

The apparent oil shortage is beginning to exercise many of the companies, some of them even refusing to accept new contracts. The need of stimulating development work is generally seen. Some of the leading oil companies are shattering established precedents, and branching out into the fields of initial search for oil.

Imperial Oil Company Seeks Oil at Fort McMurray.

A trainload of drilling machinery and piping is being made up by the Imperial Oil company in preparation for a new oil boring project in the McMurray district, and is expected to leave for the north Tuesday or Wednesday. The area in which the drilling operations are to be commenced is about twenty miles southeast of Fort McMurray, and the purpose is to find out whether the far beds in that locality are wholly far or underlain with oil. It is understood that the Imperial Oil company, in thus undertaking investigation of a new field, is intending to carry on the drilling until it has fully decided the question of the oil resources thereabouts, which there are reasons for believing are great enough to warrant development on a commercial scale. The supplies now being taken north will be moved out to the scene of operations and set up in time for the work to get under way this season.

## Winners Irma Fair, 1917

(Continued from last week.)

Pressed wild flowers 1st, H. Rose, 2nd, Mrs. J. W. Milburn.  
Native wild grasses, 1st, Miss M.E. Milburn, 2nd, Mrs. J.W. Milburn.  
Noxious weeds, 1st, Mrs. J.W. Milburn.  
Essay on Noxious Weeds with means of eradication. Farmers 1st, J. W. Milburn. Adults, 1st Miss M E Milburn.

### Horticultural.

Geranium different varieties, 1st, Miss M E Milburn.  
3 house plants, 1st, Miss J. Love.  
Bouquet cut flowers, 1st, Mrs. F W Higginson, 2nd, Mrs. G N Higginson.  
3 bouquets sweet peas distinct varieties, 1st, Miss J. Love.

### Dairy Products

Two butter prints 1st, Mrs. G N C Higginson.  
Pair Dressed Poultry, 1st, Mrs. Geo. Knowles.  
1 dozen white eggs, 1st, Mrs. G A Milburn, 2nd, Mrs. J S Gulorna.  
1 dozen brown eggs, Mrs. J S Gulorna, 2nd, Mrs. G A Green.

### Domestic Products.

Canned green gooseberries, 1st, Mrs. W H King, 2nd, Mrs. J. Merry.  
Canned Black currants, 1st, Miss Mary Elliott.  
Canned Red currants, 1st, Mrs. J W Milburn, 2nd, Mrs. A W Toll.  
Canned Strawberries, 1st, Miss Mary Elliott.  
Canned any other cultivated fruit, 1st, Mrs. J W Milburn.  
Canned marmalade, 1st, Mrs. R D Smallwood, 2nd, Mrs. J W Milburn.  
Preserved native fruit 3 varieties, 1st, J G Rae.  
Red Currant Jelly, 1st, Mrs. J W Milburn, 2nd, Mrs. J. Merry.  
Home made vinegar, 1st, Mrs. A W Toll, 2nd, Miss C Sellers.  
Pickles 3 varieties 1st Mrs. J W Milburn.

### Bread, Pastry, Etc.

Two loaves white bread, 1st, Mrs. T Shaw, 2nd, Miss C Sellers.  
Loaf brown bread, 1st, Miss C Sellers, 2nd, Mrs. J G Rae.  
Loaf currant bread 1st, Mrs. F D Johnstone.  
1 dozen buns, 1st Mrs. F D Johnstone, 2nd, Mrs. T Shaw.  
1 dozen sugar cookies, 1st, Mrs. G N C Higginson, 2nd, Mrs. W H King.  
2 loaves bread made and baked by a bachelor, 1st J W Mathews, 2nd, E Huffman.  
3 pies made and baked by a bachelor, 2nd, E Huffman.  
Cake made and baked by a bachelor 1st, J W Mathews, 2nd, E Huffman.

### SPECIAL PRIZES:

Given by Ogilvie Flour Mills for the best bread made from Royal Household Flour, 1st, Miss C Sellers. Given by Robin Hood Mills for the best bread made from Robin Hood Flour, 1st, Mrs. F D Johnstone, 2nd, Miss C Sellers.

### Vegetables.

Round beets, 1st, A W Toll, 2nd, G N C Higginson.  
Sugar beets, 1st, W H King.  
Cabbage, conical, 1st, W H King. White celery, 1st, W H King. Cauliflower, 1st, W H King. Carrots, red, long, 1st, J. Merry, 2nd, G N C Higginson.  
Kale, 1st, J. Merry.  
Lettuce, Cabbage, 1st, G N C Higginson.  
Lettuce, 1st, W H King, 2nd, J H Elliott.  
Mangolds, yellow, 1st, W H King, 2nd, J. Merry.  
Onions, Australian, 1st, J H Elliott, 2nd, J. Merry.  
Peas, 1st, J H Elliott, 2nd, J. Merry.

Parsley, growing specimens, G N Higginson, 2nd, F W Higginson.  
Parsnips, 1st, J. Merry.  
Peas in pod, 1st, W H King, 2nd, J. Merry.  
Rhubarb, 1st, Miss C Sellers, 2nd, A W Toll.  
Turnips, table, 1st, J H Elliott, 2nd, W H King.  
Vegetable oysters, 1st, J. Merry.  
Collection herbs, 1st, G N Higginson, 2nd, F W Higginson.  
Collection vegetables, 1st, W H King.

### Children's Work.

(under 16.)  
Noxious weeds, 1st, Elsie Phaeacy.  
Handwriting boys, 1st, Wilmer Rae, 2nd, Ernest Rae.  
Pencil drawing, 1st, Constance L Edmonds.  
Crayon drawing, 1st, Constance L Edmonds.  
Water color drawing, 1st, Wilmer Rae, 2nd, Elsie Phaeacy.  
Crochet in cotton, 1st Ruth Brecon.

### Fine Arts.

Amateur photography, 1st, Miss C Sellers, 2nd, C Costin.  
Oil painting, 1st, Mrs. T Shaw.  
Water color painting, 1st, Miss M E Milburn.

### Ladies Fancy Work.

Crochet lace, Mrs. G Knowles.  
Crochet in wool, 1 Mrs W H King, 2 Mrs C Bjork.  
Crochet in cotton, 1 Mrs G Knowles, 2 Mrs W H King.  
Crochet collection, 1 Mrs C Bjork, 2 Mrs G Knowles.  
Crochet table mats, 1 Mrs C Bjork, 2 Mrs W H King.  
Cross stitch, 1 Miss L. Love.  
Knitted lace, 1 Mrs J W Milburn.  
Tea caddy, 1 Mrs Geo. Knowles.  
Boudoir cap, 1 Miss M Clark, 2 Mrs C Bjork.  
Fancy work bag, 1 Mrs C Bjork, 2 Mrs R D Smallwood.  
Eyelet embroidery, 1 Mrs F W Watkinson.  
Shadow embroidery, 1 Miss M E Milburn.  
Solid embroidery, 1 Miss M E Milburn.  
Infant's bonnet, 1 Mrs G Knowles.  
Centre piece, 1 Mrs M E Moore, 2 Mrs F W Watkinson.  
Fancy apron, 1 Miss L. Love, 2nd, Mrs. F D Johnstone.  
Pin cushion, 1 Miss M E Milburn.  
Handmade bedroom slippers, 1st, Miss C Sellers, 2nd Miss M E Milburn.  
Raffia work, 1 Miss M E Milburn.  
Embroidered hdkf, 1 Mrs C Bjork, 2 Miss M E Milburn.  
Crochet ends, 1 Mrs G Knowles.  
Embroidered pillow cases, 1 Miss I. Love.  
Fine hemstitch on linen, 1 Miss M E Milburn.  
Work apron, 1 Miss C Sellers, 2nd, Miss M E Milburn.  
Woolen socks, 1 Mrs G Knowles, 2 Mrs W H King.  
Six button holes, 1 Mrs B Oldham, 2 Miss C Sellers.  
Dressed doll, 1 Mrs F D Johnstone, 2 Miss C L Edmonds.  
Mans shirt, 1 Mrs J W Milburn.  
Girls dress made by amateur, 1st, Miss M E Milburn.  
Girls dress made from discarded garment, 1 Mrs R D Smallwood.  
Patch on cotton, 1 Mrs B Oldham, 2 Mrs Geo Knowles.  
Patch on woolen, 1 Mrs B Oldham, 2 Mrs Geo Knowles.  
Patch quilt, silk, 1 Mrs J. Merry.  
Patch quilt, cotton, 1 Mrs Prior, 2 Mrs M E Moore.  
Home made rug, 1 Mrs J. Merry, 2 Mrs F. Pile.  
Edmonton Journal special prize for the lady winning the greatest number of prizes was won by Miss M E Milburn.

Keep up with the times by reading the Times.

## NEWS OF IRMA AND DISTRICT IN CONDENSED FORM

Tell Your News to the Editor and He in Turn Will Tell Hundreds Thru This Paper.

Mrs. H. W. Love, Misses Irene and Grace left Monday for Toronto. Use National Carbonless Auto Oil, none better, at the Co-op.

H. Burkholder returned to Irma on Sunday last from his visit to Calgary.

The public now begins to understand some of the obstacles in the way of "bringing home the bacon."

If you need auto tires, chains, spark plugs, or any auto supplies see the Co-op.

The recent rains have made a wonderful improvement in the appearance of the crops in the Irma district.

Just received a new shipment of candy at the Co-op.

The next meeting of the Irma ladies aid will be held at the home of Mrs. C. A. Toll. All the ladies in the district are invited.

See the Co-op for harvest tools, fruit jars, binder whips, work shoes and gloves.

Miss M. E. Milburn returned to Irma on Wednesday last from Edmonton where she has been spending some time.

Mrs. Ernest Ross and baby of Edmonton and Mrs. C. Atwater and her son Ralph of Guisno, N.S., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Schaffner at their farm.

The farmers co-operative elevator company have received their second car of binder twine. This should assure plenty of twine for the district.

Messrs. Kaston brothers, J. W. Matthew and A. Barker motored to Mannville last Sunday. They report the crops over there not nearly as good as those in the Irma district.

Irma needs one or two good plasterers. There is lots of work waiting for experienced men. A capable harness and boot repairer would also find plenty of work at Irma.

The Misses Betty Hill, Shela Margaret Milland, Peggy Prudo and Mr. James Taylor all of Edmonton will be the guests of Mr. Geo. Hill on the Hill ranch next week.

The ladies who judged the ladies fancy work at the fair took great pains with their work and with one exception gave satisfaction with their awards. The doll dressed by Mrs. T. Shaw was beautifully done and should have taken the first prize.

J. H. S. Armstrong who is in the Royal Alexandra hospital underwent another operation on Tuesday last. Mr. Armstrong is in a very weak state. His daughters Mrs. Little and Mrs. Carter went to Edmonton on Wednesday.

### Church Services.

Remember the church services on Sunday, August 12th. Sunday school at 11 o'clock a.m. Preaching service at 7.30 p.m. There will also be service in the schoolhouse at Sunny Brae at 1.30 p.m., and at Clark Manor at 8.30 p.m. All are welcome. Rev. C. G. Hockin is the preacher.



## The Use of a Dog

Captain's Happy Thought Made Messenger of Neutral

Happily, also, brief informal truces are not infrequently come to between the opposing forces at particular sections of the lines, so that one or other, or both, may bring in, after a raid their wounded and their slain. One of the most splendid stories I have heard was told by a captain of the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Out there in front of the trench he told his company lay a figure in khaki writhing in pain and waiting for help.

"Will no one come to me," he cried in a voice broken with anguish. He had been disabled in the course of a raid on the German trenches the night before by a bullet which was relieved in the morning. These appeals of his were like stabs to the compassionate hearts of the Irish Fusiliers. Several now told the captain they could stand it no longer, and must go out to the wounded man. If they were shot in the attempt, what matter?

"It happened that a little dog was then making himself quite at home in the British trench. The dog was a neutral; he took no sides; he crossed the trench, and, finding other, and found in both hands to give him food and a kind word with a pat on the head. The happy thought came to the captain to take a messenger of the dog. So he wrote: 'May we take our wounded German to the trench? If you will, send him a dog. The dog will take the message to the German trenches. The message was in English, for the captain did not know the German language. He had a chance of the enemy being able to read it.

In a short time the dog returned with the answer. It was in English, and it ran: 'Yes; you can have five minutes.' So the captain and a messenger of the dog were sent to the trench. The dog was on the parapet, the captain took off his hat and called out cheerily to the Germans three hearty cheers. Boys. The response was most enthusiastic. The cheers were mingled such cries as: 'Sure, the Gerys are not all bad chaps, after all,' and 'May the heavens be the bed of them, the Gerys are very true to us.'

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Wooden Shoes For Germans

Only Ten Per Cent. Can Be Made

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is sole proprietor of the City of Toledo, Ohio, and State of Ohio, and that said city and state are the only places where said shoes are made.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 5th day of June, 1917.

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## Censorship Of

Outgoing Cables

U.S. Believes Valuable Information Is Reaching the Turks

Censorship of outgoing cables undoubtedly will be made much more rigid to prevent spies from sending information to Germany. Many officials believe information is reaching Germany now in the form of commercial messages cabled from the United States to European neutral countries. Already it is said the government in cases that excite suspicion is changing the wording of messages.

Reports that German insurance companies operating in this country have easy access to confidential information having to do with shipping and the despatch of troops, has prompted the government to investigate their activities. Secretary Redfield said he thought the operation of these companies should be kept under a close and continuous scrutiny.

A Sure Corrective of Flatulency.

When the undigested food lies in the stomach it causes gas, causing pains and oppression in the stomachic region. The belching or eructation of these gases is offensive and the only way to prevent them is to restore the stomach to proper action. Parment's Vegetable Pills will do this. Simple instructions go with each packet as a course of them taken systematically is certain to effect a cure.

Dogs Of War In Macedonia

Every Man Carries a Gun To Protect Himself Against Hungry Beasts

Everywhere are the dogs in Macedonia. In this country of shepherds every peasant's cottage has a moving range of dogs. In the east the dog is neither fed nor petted, so that he feels himself an outcast and despised. During this way he starves and then the other has swept over northern Macedonia, driving the peasants before them. The dogs have been left behind, and are now howling on the desolate hills.

The tainted breeze that came down the valley hints at the ghastly food on which they live. Day by day every man shoots at every dog save the few that cling close to an inhabited cottage. They slay the dogs in the night, and at night one hears the howling of the dogs. Their eyes shine in the dark of the night. Everyone carries arms in Macedonia at night, not against man, but as a protection against the dogs.

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Back To The Fatherland

Exodus of Hebrews From All Parts of the World to Holy Land

Anticipated by Strauss

A Jewish nation with modern cities, a free government and a population of two million, will be established in Palestine after the war, in the opinion of Nathan Strauss, philanthropist.

He looks for a marked exodus of Jews from the United States and other countries, back to their fatherland. Religious Jews, he believes, will not hesitate to give up their wealth and property in America and return to Palestine to fulfill the Biblical prophecy. Strauss also expects thousands of Christians to do so.

"We will establish a government along whatever lines the allies suggest," declared Strauss. "There is no selfishness about it. The Bible says we will have our own country back and the Allies are winning it back. They must decide what is best."

He indicated, however, that a republic of Christians and Jews under a protectorate of the powers would be best. Asked whether the country would be modernized, as Manila has been, he said:

"Given half a chance, we will make it the paradise of the earth. It will be a paradise of Christians in particular. The Palestine soil is better than that of California—I'm satisfied of that through my own experiments. The Jews are a religious people. I don't think we will establish great industries and compete in the world trade because the country will be more of a religious country than a commercial one. Palestine will support two million people, and it only has 600,000 now. Educationally and religiously it will be the promised land of the whole world."

A Ready Weapon Against Pain.—There is nothing equal to Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil when well rubbed in. It penetrates the tissues and pain disappears before it. There is no known preparation that will reach the spot quicker than this magic Oil. Consequently it ranks first among liniments now offered to the public and is accredited first place among all its competitors.

Stranded In England

Pathetic Position of Canadian Women Who Went Overseas

According to the London newspaper, about 40,000 Canadian women are stranded in this country—wives and children who have been separated from their husbands as near as possible while they were on active service, or came over to see them in hospital after they had been wounded.

They are not stranded in the ordinary sense of the word, for no cases of hardship are reported. But it seems impossible for them to return to Canada now or for some time to come, owing to lack of passenger accommodation, and it is stated that even were the war to end soon fully eighteen months must elapse before tonnage could be spared to transport a large body of people.

The position of some of these Canadian visitors is pathetic. There are many who, menfolk are actually back in Canada themselves, wounded and discharged from the army. Others have lost those whom they followed to this country, and are anxious to return to their homes and relatives. Recently the admiralty has been able to find room for women and children on returning transports, and it is hoped to continue this assistance.

Preparing for To-morrow

Many people seem able to drink tea and coffee for a time without apparent harm, but when health disturbance follows, even though slight, it is wise to investigate.

Thousands of homes, where tea or coffee were found to disagree, have changed the family table drink to

Instant Postum

With improved health, and it usually follows, the change made becomes a permanent one. It pays to prepare for the health of to-morrow.

"There's a Reason"

Canadian Postum Co. Ltd.,

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W. N. U. 1168



has sweetened half a century with the same crystal purity that makes it the favorite to-day. Buy it in original packages and be sure of the genuine.

"Let Redpath Sweeten it."

Made in one grade only—the highest!

## Disguised With War

Scarcity of Food Sowing Seeds of Discontent Among Tumanians

The appearance of the Russian troops, their equipment and their artillery, are all excellent. The orders given to the Prussian divisions on the Rumanian front are that the soldiers shall keep on a strict defensive and never show themselves out of the trenches. As soon as the intense artillery fire increases, the Germans hurriedly leave the first line trenches. The artillery is provided at present with inferior material. Prisoners taken lately confess that they are very much disgruntled with the war. Scarcity of food is becoming greater and the ration of bread, which has been of bad quality, has been reduced in quantity. The only thing which prevents the men deserting is the threat that their families in Germany will be subjected to vexations by the government.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

May Declare War

Funds of Tumbons Will Be Seized if Mexico Plunges

According to prominent Mexicans who assert that war will be declared against Germany within a month, all German money in Mexico City, Tampico, Chihuahua City and other banks will be seized as soon as war is declared; the German boats in Tampico and other ports will be seized, thereby giving Mexico a much-needed merchant fleet, and all Germans will either be interned or deported and their property confiscated.

The Tampico oil fields will be made safe for the oil supply of the Allied fleet by declaring a zone in which traffic would be restricted, and the mines, smelters and mills retained at once to produce munitions metals for the Allies.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Mothers who keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house may keep that the lives of their little ones are reasonably safe during the hot weather. Stomach troubles, cholera infantum and diarrhoea are common to the little ones every summer, in most cases because the mother does not have a safe medicine at hand to give promptly. Baby's Own Tablets cure these troubles, or if given occasionally to the well child will prevent their coming on. The Tablets are guaranteed by a government analyst to be absolutely harmless even to the newborn babe. They are especially good in summer because they regulate the bowels and keep the stomach sweet and pure. They are sold by medicine men or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Russian Prisoners Starve in Germany

Many hundreds thousands of Russian prisoners in Germany have already died and more are dying from famine and tuberculosis. A letter sent by Messrs. Bordine and Saknowski of the Russian mission to the Red Cross War Council. The prisoners receive "less than one-half a pound of bread per day and besides this a very small quantity of unwholesome potatoes and the worst kind of coffee," the letter said.

The Red Cross is asked by the commission to do everything possible to obtain from Copenhagen at the present time a quantity of bread sufficient at least for the first month, while Russian organizations are preparing to meet the difficulty.

Family Prize

At the annual prize day of a certain school, the head boy rose to give his recitation.

"Friends, Romans, countrymen," he vociferated, "lend me your ears."

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## German Writings

Letter on Prisoner Tells of Capitalists' Pains; Poor Fight Put Up

Reports from the British front contain extracts from the letter of a German soldier found in a captured dugout. It says, in part: "I am very sorry I am you are being led to the slaughter here, but I have sworn if any misfortune overtake you I will have revenge on the dogs who let you in for this. The cowardly capitalist party is terribly afraid of the revolution which is coming as soon as the war is ended or before."

The captured diary of a German stretcher-bearer, beginning May 27, alludes continually to the fact that British soldiers deprive the Germans of shelter, wipe out their dugouts, and force them into the open. There are many references in captured letters to British air supremacy, in which there are many sneers at the poor fight put up by the German airmen.

Some mention the fact it is much safer to bombard open towns than to fly over the British lines.

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Boys' and Girls' Pig Feeding Competition

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This is the first competition of its kind attempted in Western Canada, though some very successful ones have been held south of the line. The hogs shown may be either purebred or grade, and the special rules for the competition are as follows:

1. Competition is open to boys or girls, residents of Saskatchewan, born at least Jan. 1, 1902, and Nov. 1, 1907.

2. Each competitor must have fed cared for and fitted the exhibit for at least three months immediately previous to the opening date of the fair.

3. Only one entry may be made by any one boy or girl. Exhibits entered in this class may also be entered and shown in all other classes to which they are eligible.

4. All pigs shown in this class must have been littered between April 1, 1917, and the opening date of the fair.

5. Entries must be mailed to D. T. Elderkin, manager Winter Fair, Regina; or C. D. Fraser, manager Winter Fair, Saskatoon, on or before Thursday, Nov. 1, 1917. No entry fee is charged for entrance in this class but if exhibitor enters in other classes the regular entry fee will be charged.

6. At the time of making entry, the name, address and date of birth of exhibitor must be furnished. Parent, guardian or employer must certify to exhibitor's age, that exhibitor has taken charge of, fitted and cared for the animal continuously for at least three months immediately previous to the opening of the fair, and also that the animal is eligible for the competition. Proper forms of declaration may be obtained from the secretary.

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### Scaring People With Conscriptio Talk.

The recent statement of the Finance Minister, denying any intention on the part of the Government to "conscript wealth," comes none too soon. The loose talk of many Canadian newspapers and Parliamentarians, in their attempt to pandor to and please certain classes with this flimfloodle, has in reality done an immense amount of harm. One might well imagine, and many did, that the Government would eventually shake down the entire country for every loose dollar available. Conscriptio of wealth never did mean anything, but, unfortunately, people were inclined to take it seriously. The only sort of conscriptio of wealth we are going to be subject to is taxation, and this is nothing new. We will merely get a little more of it than of old, and that is all. Badly needed foreign capital is not coming into our country as freely as of old, partly for the reason of the general alarm which has been sent broadcast by this conscriptio of wealth talk. And even Canadians have by no means been unaffected by the patter. There are many instances where people are known to have withdrawn large sums from the banks and buried them in unfrequented spots through fear that the Government would seize their money. It need hardly be pointed out that the proper place for savings is a bank, and not a hole in the back yard. We have only to duplicate the actions of these timid people many times and a most alarming condition of affairs would be created.

Any taxation which the Government may resort to from time to time, according to the statement of the Finance Minister, will be in accordance with legitimate and established forms.

### Patriotic Tax.

Rural municipalities, local improvement councils, and several towns and villages have made provision for the laying of a Patriotic Tax. It looks like a step in the right direction and in keeping with the times, for it is apparent to everyone that we are being called as a nation to "prove ourselves in our ability to fight or pay. It is fitting that every person should be made to pay his proportion, for the voluntary system has proved that too many people take advantage of the willingness of others, and more hide their niggardliness behind the generosity of the few whose purses are always open to a deserving call.

Marconi, the famous inventor, met a class of women wireless operators in New York recently. He informed them they should make good operators because they had better hearing than men. Another instance where the women are making good.

### Do You Take Gas With The Engine Running.

C. L. Willis narrowly escaped losing his car by fire on Monday. He was having it loaded up with gasoline at the Central garage, and had the engine running. Some gasoline over flowed the tank and ran over the hood into the engine, and in an instant the car was ablaze. The owner tried to damp it with some canvas but the flame was too scattered. Just when things looked bad, Jim Bentley and Anderson Brodie, of the garage, came running out with fire extinguishers, and succeeded in putting out the fire in a short time. The damage consisted in warping the paint and some of the woodwork, and the incident afforded the only excitement on Main street during a warm close day. -Stettler Independent.

### July Promises Record Month In Homesteads.

Should the rush of homeseekers continue for the next few days as it has throughout the month of July, the local land office will establish a new record for itself in the number of entries for homesteads received. Up to the night of the 25, sixty-seven entries have been received, and probabilities are that from seventy-five to eighty will be the total for the month. The largest number received in one day was nineteen applications. Mr. Carron, the agent, states that the average month's business is from fifty to sixty applications, meaning a settlement of from eight thousand to ten thousand acres of land per month. -Peace River Record.

### A Weird Mix-up.

One of the small papers published an item lately which was a weird mix-up of an account of a wedding and an auction notice. The most interesting part of the item follows: "William Smith, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith, and Miss Lucy Anderson were disposed of at public auction at my farm, one mile east in the presence of seventy-five guests, including two mules and twelve head of cattle. "The Rev. Mr. Jackson tied the nuptial knot for the parties, averaging 1,250 pounds on the hoof. The beautiful home of the bride was decorated with one 'salty rake, one feed grinder and two sets of work harness, nearly new, and just before the ceremony was pronounced Mendel & Sons' wedding march was rendered by one milch cow and one sheep, who carried a bunch of bride's roses in her hand, was very beautiful. She wore one light spring wagon, two crates of apples, three racks of hay, and grindstone of mouselin de soie and trimmed with three bushels of spuds. The bridal couple left yesterday on an extended trip.

### What a Gallon of Gasoline Can Do.

The power of gasoline is generally rated by the distance it will propel an automobile. But the same energy, if directed to other and more varied purposes, will milk three hundred cows, bale four tons hay, mix thirty-five cubic yards of cement, plough three-fifths of an acre of ground, or it will generate enough electricity to light a large farmhouse for thirty hours. -Popular Science Monthly

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### U.F.W.A.

The monthly meeting of the Irma branch of the U. F. W. A. was held in the church basement on Saturday, August 4th, the president Mrs. W. H. King presided. There was a good attendance. Mrs. R. M. Harper read an excellent paper on canning fruit and vegetables. After the paper had been discussed by the members, Mrs. J. G. Clark gave demonstrations in Physical Culture. Mrs. W. B. Steel proposed that each member bring suggestions for leading thrashing gangs to the next meeting.

It was decided to take a collection at each meeting the proceeds to be given to the Red Cross Fund and the YMCA.

\$1.10 was collected at this meeting. After singing the national anthem the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1st. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. F. W. Watkinson,  
Sec'y-Treas.

### This Fellow Must Be

Jealous, Eh Girls?

The following we quote from the Red Deer Advocate of July 27th.

"Otto Fankhandel, of New Norway, near Camrose, has been committed for trial on a charge of attempting the life of Wayne Cole, of the same district, who married the girl with whom Fankhandel apparently was in love, but who would have nothing to do with him. The Crown alleges that Fankhandel jealously reached such a pitch that he made candy in which he put strychnine and which he sent through the mails to Wayne. Wayne was suspicious of the candy, and an examination at Edmonton revealed the presence of the strychnine, but the sender could not be traced. Subsequently Wayne received a sawed off shot gun, loaded and so cleverly arranged in the box that the sliding of the lid of the box in opening would cause the explosion of the shells. Wayne noticed a nail in the lid which might hinder its being opened, and he drew the nail, which act saved him from serious injury as the nail was part of the machinery for setting off the gun. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne also say that Mr. Wayne's clothes were burned by stuff thrown at his face one evening as they were passing through a gate on a trail, but they could not see who threw it.

The military authorities announce that married men are not exempt from war. Men are not married very long before they find this out.

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"But I shall never stop looking for her and for her descendants," Geoffrey said doggedly, his lips closing firmly in a way Mr. Dansmeyer had learnt to know.

"You do not intend to go off on a wild goose chase in search of her, do you, my dear fellow," was the lawyer's kindly response. "Your father's will leaves you free to follow any bent you wish to follow, but merely as your legal adviser do let me beg of you not to waste your life on any vain quest."

"I am not going to start off on a wild goose chase," the boy said bluntly, a smile lighting up his rather sombre features. "I want to do just what my father has done for me to do before he died. I shall go to Oxford, as he wished, and I shall keep up his house as he would like, and with your help I shall do my best to manage the property."

"He paused with a boyish smile to express his deeper feelings. 'But I shall know all the time I am only keeping everything until I find Delicia or her children. I shall only be a steward of the whole thing, really belongs to her and hers.'"

"But, my dear boy," Mr. Dansmeyer spoke very gravely, "these people can have no legal claim on your property; it is out of the question. There is not a scrap of writing to prove that they have any claim at all, and most emphatically they have no legal one. In law you are your father's sole heir. You inherit his great fortune without let or hindrance."

"There mayn't be any legal claim against me," Geoffrey answered, still speaking with boyish bluntness, "but there's a moral one. My father definitely told me to right a definite wrong, and I'm going to do it, even if it means that I've got to give up every farthing of my fortune. Right is right, and I can't see it any other way."

"Very fine, but a little quixotic," Mr. Dansmeyer answered, with a tinge of sarcasm in his voice, which again brought a dark flush to Geoffrey's face, "and supposing by and by you find crowds of Donaldsons amongst whom to divide your father's fortune, what will you do yourself? You must wait."

"I shall take up a profession," was the grave answer. "I have thought about all those future possibilities, and I shall take up a profession which can work at for as long as necessary, that is to say when—when my stewardship ends," he added with a smile which, as Mr. Dansmeyer all at once realized, gave his face a rare charm.

"I've thought it all out, sir," he went on simply. "During those weeks I've been alone in the house among the downs—the house my father had only bought just before his death—I've been facing things up, and thinking them out, and I've quite made up my mind."

"That's a fine fellow—a very fine fellow," the lawyer smiled to himself as he heard Geoffrey's retreating footsteps going down the stairs. "For his sake it will be a thousand pities if this Delicia Donaldson ever turns up. Let us hope she is lost in oblivion, for Geoffrey Marshead has a character which ought to go far and do great things."

CHAPTER I  
Ten Years After

"There's Mr. Naldrett's key in the lock, and you'd better take up his tea tray, dearie. He's earlier than usual; praps he's come in all right tonight."

"I hope so; oh, I do hope so," the voice that answered the first speaker was a young and refined one. The girl who stood beside the table in the lodging house kitchen looked wistfully into her companion's face. "I can't bear it when Mr. Dan comes in—funny."

"Funny, you call it," Mrs. Crump, the landlady of 24 Tewkesbury Square, Borough, sniffed significantly. "Lor, fancy you still using that same word you used when you was a little thing. My laws, when Mr. Naldrett came in half seas over in those old days you never said anything but that he was 'funny.' You ain't frightened of him, are you, my dearie?"

"No, not frightened; only I can't bear it. It seems to make me feel hurt in my heart," the girl answered quietly. "Well, there! You always was a queer little piece," Mrs. Crump answered with a smile, her glance resting affectionately on the slim, young form standing beside the table. "Ever since the day I first set eyes on you, when all you'd say was 'Meg—what's my name, Meg—you've been a queer little piece.'"

"The girl smiled, and the smile lit her face into quite remarkable beauty. Through the dingy windows of the basement kitchen the setting sun shot a ray of light that made her hair shine like molten copper; her brown eyes beamed as she looked at Mrs. Crump's round and rosy countenance. "You always called me as queer little piece didn't you, even in those old days when I first came here, just a waif and stray on your doorstep. I was a poor, forlorn thing, wasn't I?"

"Well, you was forlorn enough, as you might say," Mrs. Crump responded thoughtfully, "seeing as you was

by yourself and didn't know where you could turn to, no nothing—but there! You always had a way with you, always, from the very first," she added irrelevantly.

"I wonder where I really am, and where I really come from," the girl said, a ring of wistfulness in her voice. "I wish I knew, I often wish I knew."

"Well, never mind about it now, levey; it ain't much use worrying, for I don't. You take up Mr. Naldrett's tray, and don't fret yourself, about what can't be altered. 'We don't know who you are, and we never did, and it ain't likely we ever shall, so it's waste of time to worry about it. Never fret about what you can't mend, that's my motto.'"

The smile drawn forth by her words still lingered on the girl's face as she lifted the tray from the table, and, going out of the kitchen, walked upstairs to a room on the first floor. Beside the fireplace stood the sole occupant of the room, an old, lean, thin man of about thirty years of age, a man whose pale face wore a gloomy expression which denoted as the girl came into the room.

"Thank goodness, you've come, little one," he said, "I've got some things to say to you. Whv, Meg, wait a minute; stand just where you are. I never realized—I never knew how much I want cheering. Whv, Meg, whilst the girl stood still, framed by the doorway, the man for a moment gazed at her in silence. Through the sitting room window the sun poured more of its radiance than could penetrate into the basement kitchen, and it seemed all at once to reveal to the watching man a loveliness in the girl which before he had only dimly realized. Her simple made blue gown fell in lines that revealed the young grace of her figure, and emphasized the delicate tints of her complexion, the brightness of her hair, and the startled look in her eyes, the little flush that ran over her face because of the unexpected gaze of the old man's gaze gave her an added charm.

"We heard you come in, so I've brought you your tea," she said, an unaccustomed note of embarrassment in her voice brought there by the coherence of his words, and the hardness of his stare. Mr. Crump thought you would like it directly."

"Never mind about the tea; the tea doesn't matter. Here, give it to me, let me put it down." With an impatient gesture the young man swept clear a space on the table, and, taking the tray from her hand, laid it on the vacant place, and turned impatiently back to her. "I don't believe I ever realized till this minute that you were grown up," he exclaimed, taking her hand and letting his fingers rest on her hand. "You were a little girl just the other day, you seem to have grown up all at once; and yet it seems as though it were such a short time ago since you first came to me."

"Such a short time ago?" she questioned, a smile dimpling the corners of her lips. "But it really is ten years since I came, Mr. Dan—ten whole years since you took in a little waif and stray."

"Ten Years." He loosened her hands and turned towards the window, an expression of more intense gloom settling down again upon his features. "Ten years since you came? It doesn't seem possible. And what sort of a guess have I made of the years?"

With the light of the sun full upon it, lines of weakness and dissipation upon Dan Naldrett's handsome face came into full prominence, and it would have needed no very acute observer to see that the man who stood there deploring his past was his own worst enemy, himself responsible for his own worst failures. Although the girl by his side was too young to put these facts into words, she, perhaps, dimly recognized their truth; but her first instinct was to comfort anybody in trouble, and it was that instinct that made her say, quietly:

"Come and drink your tea now; don't stop to worry too much about the past. Today and tomorrow are better than yesterday, much better!"

(To Be Continued.)

## Gave False View of Situation

Optimistic Crop Report Sharply Criticized Now

The German government's over-optimistic report on the crop prospects, which were declared on June 25 to be "really brilliant," were sharply criticized by speakers in the Reichstag ways and means committee. They accuse the government of giving the people a false view of the situation, arousing unrealistic hopes. Prince von Schoenhausen, a National-Liberal, himself a farmer, declared roundly that the official article had misrepresented the facts and tended to give rise to foolish expectations at a time when it was impossible to know what the results would be.

This speaker corroborated the charges of the Socialist speaker, Ebner, on the grain crop. He said that the drought, which he alluded to the utter confusion in the food regulation measures and declared the situation aroused great depression and bitterness.

Herr Roessicke, president of the German Farmers' Union, also said that the grain crop had suffered greatly because of the drought. He expressed hope for the crop growing on heavy soils, which usually prospered in dry seasons. He said that even the early potato yield was poor but that the late potatoes usually made up for this.

Interesting Letter  
From Front Trenches

The following interesting letter from a well known and popular Regina boy, who has been at the front almost from the beginning of the war, will prove interesting and speaks for itself:

"Hon. W. M. Martin,  
Premier of Saskatchewan.

Dear Mr. Martin:

The subject of this letter is the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion, and my reasons for addressing you on this subject are that the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion is the first Saskatchewan battalion and you are the Premier of the province.

When war broke out in July, 1914, the mobilization orders were very unusual, instead of battalions being formed at home they went forward to Valcartier in small detachments, from the centres where they joined the colors. Consequently the Western Canadians had no means of distinguishing in the numbers of the first sixteen battalions the particular battalions which were made up of men from their province.

The men who went from Saskatchewan were recruited half by the militia infantry and half by the cavalry militia, the latter volunteering at the outset for service as infantry and in order to preserve their identity, the Western cavalry were formed into a composite battalion known as the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion (Western Cavalry) which was made up originally of: 12th Manitoba Dragoons; 16th Saskatchewan Light Horse; 27th Saskatchewan Light Horse; 29th Saskatchewan Light Horse; 30th British Columbia Light Horse; 31st British Columbia Light Horse; 35th Central Alberta Horse (the Corps of Guides (Saskatchewan) and on leaving Valcartier the Western provinces of Saskatchewan 75 per cent; Manitoba, ten per cent; British Columbia, ten per cent; and Alberta five per cent.

Before proceeding to France from England it was decided to use from the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion as a reserve to the three brigades proceeding to the front, and about two hundred men, constituting the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion were at once transferred to the 5th Canadian Infantry Battalion, and amongst the units which proceeded to the front with the first Canadian

division, the province of Saskatchewan was solely represented by one infantry battalion, namely the 5th.

Owing to the methods of organization which I have mentioned and the various changes which took place, the people of Canada lost trace to a certain extent of the regiments which really represented their special localities and although the other regiments of the first division were very rarely claimed by the provinces from which their men came, Saskatchewan never claimed the 5th, but Moose

and Yorkton as local centres occasionally showed some interest. After the second battle of Ypres and the stirring engagements of Festubert and Givenchy, the orders of the day were filled with congratulatory messages from various provinces and principal towns of Canada. There was no message, however, from Saskatchewan or any city in this province. This want of enthusiasm was, of course, of minor importance, but the failure of Saskatchewan to show interest or in any way support their battalion has been felt rather severely. The question of regimental funds on proceeding overseas to France was a very serious one but for the generosity of a few personal friends of the senior officers, there would have been much suffering during the fall and winter of 1915. At no time have we had a large fund nor has much opportunity ever presented itself to enable us by our own efforts to create a fund. The canten arrangements at Valcartier were most irregular, none of the profits found their way to regimental funds for the benefit of the men. During our stay in England the profits of the British canteens operating in Canadian areas, were paid into regimental coffers and were spent on comforts for the men in England, with the exception of 30 pounds, which sum supplied by a donation of 60 pounds made by Moose Jaw friends of our former colonel, were the only moneys which were at the disposal of our command officer for regimental purposes.

Shortly after coming to France we organized a dry canteen for the purpose of supplying the men with such incidentals as they might wish to purchase. The profits of this canteen, going to our regimental fund. From other canteens in the field a percentage of profits was also received and by this means a small fund has been at our constant disposal out of which to provide, although very inadequate, extras for the men in supplement to issue rations, etc.

The question might be asked—

What does a regiment in the field need in addition to government supplies and comforts sent forward? (for the benefit of the men by the various institutions such as the Canadian War Contingent Association)—and in answer to this I might enumerate some of the things which we have found it necessary to purchase during the two years which this battalion has been at the front in France and Belgium.

In the early days it was necessary to purchase even the lumber to make the crosses which marked the graves of our dead. Wherever possible fresh fruit and vegetables have been purchased to vary the diet, it is our invaluable practice to give the men hot cocoa during the cold weather. This is served to them from 3 a.m. to 5 a.m., and is the very best thing to warm them after their all night vigil in the trenches. This alone costs us \$250 a month. Footballs, baseball and cricketing outfits have been purchased so that they might have a bit of sport when opportunity offered. Our prisoners of war in Germany have never been forgotten and many cases the dependents of soldiers in the field have been assisted. We have spent three Christmas

away from home and every effort has been made on each occasion to give the men as good a time as possible. The battalion enjoys, of course, a distinctive regimental badge and these have been purchased and issued free of charge to the men. During the winter months coal is purchased to keep the men warm. To-day, as a battalion, we are however, unable to look after our men as well as we would like to because we are almost out of funds.

This letter, therefore, is written for the purpose of securing assistance in the hope that an interest may be created among the people of our province in this battalion.

In this brigade, which is purely Western, the other battalions are well looked after by their respective provinces and generous donations have been made by Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, and as regards the Eastern provinces, they have taken care that their battalions in this division have never wanted for funds. One battalion received the sum of \$2,500 at Christmas time and another battalion in this brigade received amongst other donations 50 pounds per month.

At Christmas time this year we were able to provide a very respectable spread for the men, but this fact was accomplished by every officer

going down into his pocket and by the men also assisting out of their pay.

(To Be Continued.)

Sailors Paid To  
Smuggle Letters

How German Plotters Get Mail Into United States

Federal authorities investigating suspected methods of communication between the United States and Germany announced the seizure of a bundle of letters, including communications which, arriving from the central powers, apparently were intended to reach Alexander von Nuber, formerly Austrian consul-general in New York. Von Nuber left after the government investigated charges that he had been a German agent and shipped reprints to Austria under fraudulent passports in 1915.

How the letters now confiscated were to reach von Nuber has not been disclosed nor was his present whereabouts announced. The letters were brought by sailors on a Scandinavian steamship and delivered to a saloon keeper in Hoboken. The plan, according to the investigators, was for the mail to be re-addressed so that it would appear to be correspondence from the United States. The sailors admitted they were paid to smuggle mail past the British censors and promised to testify for the government if needed. Some of the letters were addressed to persons in New Zealand, Australia and India.

## Red Tape in France

An incident at a French port which shows that red tape is not unknown on the other side of the channel even yet is related by the Club in the Pall Mall Gazette. The big hoists ceased to work because the supply of coal had run out. For 18 hours they remained at a standstill until at last a supply was delivered. Meantime the British transport officer fumed and threatened and pointed to his cargo waiting to be unloaded—4,000 tons of coal!

## Knew What to Do

Master—"If a customer comes and wants to look at a piano, flute, or mandolin while I'm at lunch, you know what to show him?"

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Master—"And if a customer should want to see a hyacinth, you know what to show him?"  
Boy (interrupting)—"I'll send for you at once, sir."

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## Coal Springs

Mrs. George Haugen has her house ready for the plasterers.

Elmer Erickson and family spent Sunday visiting friends north of Irma.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knudson drove to Selkirk on Thursday, returning in the evening.

N. L. Fuder and family spent Sunday with the "R. Fuder" family at metropolitan.

Mr. McGregor has begun work on the dimensions for residence to be erected at Henry Kassen's.

The contractors have finished the interior work on the M. O. Larson's residence and are at present engaged on completing work for George Lubricant.

On Sunday last, the C. J. Knudson, M. Knudson and H. Knudson families journeyed north of Jarow and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Therow.

Frank Lindquist, died at the home of his cousin Oscar Lindquist on Friday morning, August 3rd, from typhoid fever. He had been at work until the Saturday previous and was taken ill in the evening, gradually growing weaker until the end, owing to illness this spring from which he had not fully recovered.

Frank possessed many sterling qualities and will be sadly missed by his relatives, and friends in this district.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Hovesteen, of Ryley, conducting the service, and burial taking place in the Irma Cemetery.

## OBITUARY.

Frank G. Lindquist, was born in Sweden, on February 6th, 1875, and died on the 3rd day of August, 1917.

He emigrated to the United States in the fall of the year 1910, and came to Alberta in the spring of 1911. He filed on a homestead six miles north of Jarow and made his residence in this community until the time of his death. Being a good workman in his profession, that of mason and plasterer, he was always occupied at this work in season. Two years ago he, in company with his brother made a trip to the old home in Sweden for a visit, and upon returning brought his daughter and a brother with him.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a daughter Martha, and two brothers of this vicinity, a sister in the United States, and a mother and brother in Sweden.

Blessed be his memory.

## Card of Thanks.

We desire through the columns of this paper to express our appreciation and thanks to all who so kindly assisted during the illness, death, and burial of our father, brother and cousin.

Martha Lindquist,  
Carl Lindquist,  
Evel Lindquist,  
Oscar Lindquist,  
E. W. Lindquist.

## ORBINDALE

The little showers which have visited the district have brightened conditions a good deal. The grain is too far advanced for big results but will help the potato crop wonderfully.

Mr. Wm. Pollard has a field of barley cut. That is the first grain cut this year through these parts.

(Sowing hay is the order of the day.) Farmers are busy putting up a hay supply which seems to be plentiful. Everybody should have plenty of hay.

The gathering at Church Sunday morning was much larger than usual. We should all make an effort to attend the services. Come and hear the new minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulman had quite a houseful on Sunday, there being Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Hokin, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Irma.

Mr. and Mrs. Staddon of Salteaux are the proud parents of twin boys. All doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chrysler of Mannville visited at Mr. Coulman on Sunday. He reports crops look good around Creighton and Mannville. Was well pleased with crop prospects in the district.

The boys and girls who have been enjoying their summer holidays will bid adieu to their frolic time as school re-opens on August 13th. They will welcome back again their teacher Mrs. Pansie.

## RED CROSS NOTES

Proceeds of sale by auction of goods etc., donated and collected at Irma fair:

Mr. Fenton,	\$2.00
Mrs. J. G. Clark,	4.00
Mrs. B. Clelland,	2.00
Mrs. Haywood,	.15
Auction sale,	181.00
Sale of khaki men,	30.00
Sale of canes,	3.85
Proceeds from Elliot's social,	15.00

	237.80
Paid out for material	2.15
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	2.80

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Thanks are given to Mr. R. S. Bowman for services given at the auction sale.

Mrs. M. E. Crocker,  
Sec-Treas.

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Mrs. J. Merry, Velvet quilt.  
.. Hayward, Leather bag.  
.. Miles, Tea cosy.  
.. Hardy, crochet yoke.  
.. Watkinson, bread.  
.. King, Vegetables, and crochet jacket.

.. Smallwood, marmalade.  
.. Geo. Higginson, lbs butter and fancy dainties.

Miss Elliott, Jar of fruit.  
.. Irene Love, fancy apron.

J. G. Clark, colt.

N. Beatty, pig.  
J. Kennedy, pig.

J. S. Gullbraa, chickens.  
C. W. Baker, chickens.

McKay ranch, Bacon.  
R. W. Williamson, geese, grain.

E. Huffman, cake.  
Dr. McGregor, canes.

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## PTE S. J. EATON BADLY WOUNDED AT VIMY RIDGE

In Letter to Mr. H. W. Love Tells  
of His Experiences. Irma  
Times Pleases Him.

5th London General Hospital.  
St. Thomas,  
London, S.E.I.

Dear Mr. Love:-

I have been receiving the Irma Times these last few weeks, and was quite surprised to see that Irma had a local paper. I had often wondered why Irma had no paper, having so many settlers on the land, and more coming every year, that a paper would kind of draw the people more together. At the time of writing I am in the hospital and have only been in this hospital about 10 days, after being in a hospital in France over two months.

I received my wounds at Vimy Ridge, April 9th. I was almost to Fritz's fourth line when Fritz got me. Of course I thanked him for the present he gave me,—sure.

My wounds were a compound fracture of right thigh, a compound fracture of right foot, a bullet thru left thigh, a few more scratches. My left thigh wound is well now, but I am having trouble with my right thigh. It is swelling up again now worse luck, and I am afraid I will have to have another operation. The weather out here has been just fine. There was quite a heavy storm here last Saturday evening, being the first rain for almost 60 days.

Will close for this time with best regards to all including yourself.

I think I am in for 8 or 9 months of this.

Yours Truly,

Pte. S. J. Eaton, No. 624784. 7th Canadian Battalion.

## POPULAR WANTS

**LOST**—From S.W. 20-46-9, small red and white yearling, horns cut off, Brand X. Information thankfully received by Jas. Kennedy. 25

**For Sale**—Several fresh cows and heifers. Apply to P. Sellstedt, Irma, Alta. 24

**WANTED**—School teacher for Irma school district No. 2650. Apply stating qualifications and salary expected to M. Ainsley, sec-treas. Irma. 24

**For Sale**—Sharples Separator in good working order, price \$25. Apply J. N. Carrington. 23-24

**For Sale**—A good Hereford Grade Bull. Apply C. H. Chevelier, Irma, Alta.

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